

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 227.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 227. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend the bill. (Bernard-Stevens amendment AM1579 appears on pages 1929-30 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this amendment was just drafted late yesterday so you do not have a copy of it. I'll briefly, for the record at least, read it, but I'll explain it very, very briefly. One of my concerns was, and still is, with this type of legislation is the types of abuse that actually could occur when you tell agencies that or tell people for the most part they have to work for an agency in order to get the money that quite honestly is theirs. They qualify for it. It's an entitlement and one of my concerns always has been is, most people that I know that are on the entitlement programs at some point don't want to be on those programs. It's embarrassing. In fact, many people in my part of the state can be on programs and they choose not to be because they're simply not going to go through with what they would say an embarrassing situation. Let alone, you take that person and require them to do other work, I suspect for example if it's in a hospital that maybe they're going to be cleaning latrines or bed pans or something. I'm not quite sure what good vocation that is going to help them receive and I'm concerned about that. So in order to alleviate a little bit more my concerns, and Senator Abboud has gone a long way of doing so, my amendment would state the following. In Section 9 it would simply say the following: Any county utilizing a community service program for employable general assistance as outlined in this section shall file an annual written report which shall include the number of persons placed, the numbers of hours of experience provided, the duration and location of each placement including the name and address of the business or agency accepting the placement, and the specific skills learned in the placement. The report shall be filed with the Department of Social Services by October 1, 1992, for the fiscal year ending